

wherein corresponding ejection outlets in said third ejection outlet array and in said fourth ejection outlet array are aligned in the scanning direction, respectively,

wherein volumes of liquid droplets ejected through each of the ejection outlets in said second and fourth ejection outlet arrays are substantially the same, and

wherein said first ejection outlet array group and said second ejection outlet array group are disposed such that said first ejection outlet array and said third ejection outlet array are adjacent to each other and such that the ejection outlets of said first ejection outlet array and the ejection outlets of said third ejection outlet array are disposed with a deviation in a direction of arrangement of the ejection outlets so as to be complementary to each other in the scanning direction.

23. (New) A liquid ejection recording head according to Claim 22, wherein the volumes of the liquid droplets ejected through each of the ejection outlets in said first, second, third and fourth ejection outlet arrays are substantially the same.

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REMARKS

Claims 1-23 are presented for examination. Claims 22 and 23 have been added to provide Applicants with a more complete scope of protection. Claims 1, 16, 19 and 22 are in independent form.

Claims 1-21 have been allowed. At least because Claim 22 includes, *inter alia*, all of the recitations of allowed Claim 1, and Claim 23 depends from Claim 22, Claims 22 and 23 are believed to be allowable.

Applicants request early and favorable examination on the merits.

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